GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NERVOUS DISORDERS IN CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that 25 per cent disability in the children occurring due to nervous disorders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) The general disabilities associated with nervous system include cerebral palsy, mental retardation, specific learning disabilities, speech disabilities, autism, hearing impairment, impairment of vision, locomotor disabilities and multiple disabilities. The steps taken by the Government to prevent such disabilities occurring in children are:

- Improved maternal and child care services;

- Implementation of the Integrated Child Development Scheme with focus on maternal and child care;

- The Universal Programme for Immunization and the Pulse Polio Programme in order to prevent vaccine preventable diseases like polio etc.

- Setting up of National Institutes for treatment of hearing and vision impairment as well as mental handicap;

- Health Education through the media;

- The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1955 has been passed and makes provision for health promotion, specific protection, early detection, intervention, disability limitation and rehabilitation.